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11. (Confidential - JGO) Met with Norvill Jones, Senate Foreign Relations Committee staff, and told him we had a letter coming forward ✓ to Senator James Abourezk (D., S. Dak.) on his amendment relating to "or any other funds" and that we would get a copy to him as soon as it is delivered. I told him in part that Mr. Cary had talked to Senator Abourezk and had assured him personally that the Agency would not be undertaking any AID programs terminated by the legislation. Jones indicated that the bill is scheduled to come up tomorrow but that this is soft.

As we parted, he reminded me that this office had promised a package for his use in completing the Committee report on the Muskie ✓ "surveillance legislation".

12. (Confidential - JGO) Met with Ralph Preston, House Appropriations Committee staff, and briefed him on the 19 September 1974 request for approval of additional payment to Lao POW returnees. Preston asked for a paper on this for use in briefing Chairman George H. Mahon (D., Texas).

I discussed with him luncheon plans at the Agency on Wednesday, 25 September, and his meeting with the Financial Management Seminar that afternoon and gave him an outline of the program.

Preston and I discussed again a visit to NPIC by Representative William E. Minshall (R., Ohio) and himself. Preston indicated that Minshall is most interested and he will discuss the subject with Minshall at his first opportunity.

✓ In passing Preston mentioned there had been some discussion during a conference on the Defense Appropriations bill about possible inclusion of statements or caveats relating to CIA and covert action. Each point was resolved completely in the Agency's favor. No statement was included in the report about the matter.

13. (Unclassified - PLC) Bob Harmel, OMB, called in regard to our prior written comments to OMB on 12 June 1974 concerning their ✓ 20 May 1974 alternate draft to H. R. 12206, granting individuals access to Government records concerning them. He questioned why we had provided figures on all our records since OMB had granted us an exemption; I explained that OMB had asked that we provide figures with and without an exemption so they could better judge the full impact of the bill. He asked what our cost factor would be with an exemption. I said it would be near zero.

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